

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Including Independent Auditor's Reports)



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November 26, 2018

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Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia
Members of the State Board of Education
and
Superintendent and Members of the
Lamar County Board of Education

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

# Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lamar County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the

effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Emphasis of Matter**

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2017, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures, GASB Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units, and GASB Statement No. 82, Pension Issues. Our opinions are not modified with respect to these matters.

## Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Schedules of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedules of Contributions to Retirement Systems, Notes to the Required Supplementary Information and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual as presented on pages i through x, and pages 35 through 41, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

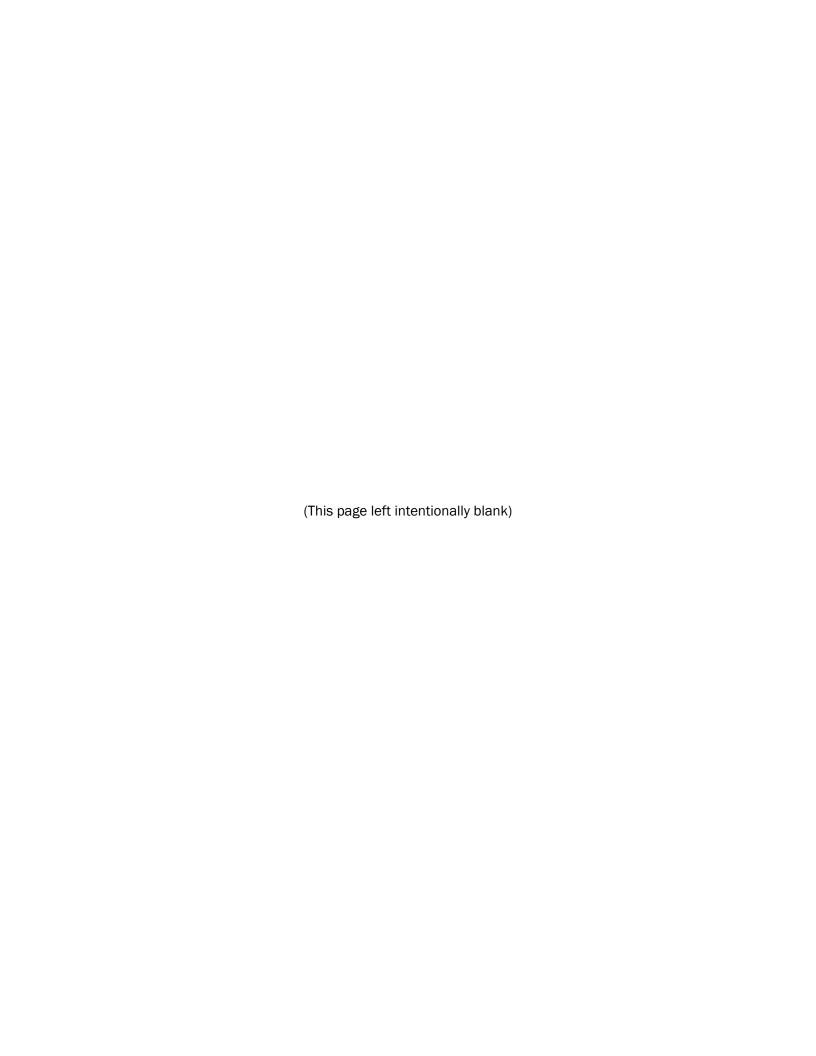
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 26, 2018 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record in the office of the State Auditor and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin State Auditor



## INTRODUCTION

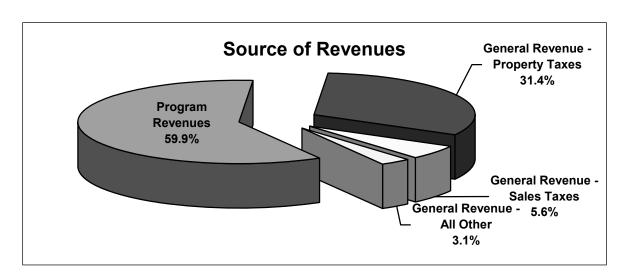
The Lamar County Board of Education's (School District) financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 includes a series of basic financial statements that report financial information for the School District as a whole, its funds, and its fiduciary responsibilities. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide financial information about all of the School District's activities and present both a short-term and long-term view of the School District's finances on a global basis. The fund financial statements provide information about all of the School District's funds. Information about these funds, such as the School District's general fund, is important in its own right, but will also give insight into the School District's overall soundness as reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for FY 2017 are as follows:

On the Government-wide financial statements:

- The School District's net position at June 30, 2017 was \$15.2 million. Net position reflects the difference between all assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District (including capital assets, net of depreciation) and all liabilities, both short-term and long-term, and deferred inflows of resources. The net position at June 30, 2017 of \$15.2 million represented an increase of \$0.6 million when compared to the prior year.
- The School District had \$27.7 million in expenses relating to governmental activities; of which \$16.9 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions. However, general revenues (primarily property and sales taxes) of almost \$11.5 million were adequate to provide for these programs.
- As stated above, general revenues accounted for \$11.5 million or about 40% of all revenues totaling almost \$28.3 million. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for the balance of these revenues. (Percentages in table below have been rounded to one decimal place.)



## On the fund financial statements:

Among major funds, the general fund had \$25.7 million in revenues and \$25.8 million in expenditures. The general fund balance of \$4.6 million at June 30, 2017 decreased by about \$0.6 million the prior year. This decrease occurred primarily because the general fund was required to fund a deficit of about \$556,000 in capital projects fund at June 30, 2017.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

These financial Statements consists of three parts; management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements including notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two levels of statements that present different views of the School District. These include the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements include the 'Statement of Net Position' and 'Statement of Activities'. These statements provide information about the activities of the School District presenting both short-term and long-term information about the School District's overall financial status.

The fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the School District, reporting the School District's operation in more detail. The 'Governmental Funds' statements disclose how basic services are financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The 'Fiduciary Funds' statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. In the case of the Lamar County School District, the general fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund are all considered to be major funds. The School District has no funds reported as nonmajor funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements. Additionally, other supplementary information (not required) is also presented that further supplements understanding of the financial statements.

# **Government-Wide Statements**

Since Lamar County School District has no operations that have been classified as "Business Activities", the government-wide financial statements are basically a consolidation of all of the School District's operating funds into one column called governmental activities. In reviewing the government-wide financial statements, a reader might ask the question, are we in a better financial position now than last year? The 'Statement of Net Position' and the 'Statement of Activities' provides the basis for answering this question. These financial statements include all School District's assets and liabilities and uses the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the School District's net position and any changes in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the School District as a whole, the financial position of the School District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change

may be the results of many factors, including those not under the School District's control, such as the property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs, student-teacher ratios, and other factors.

When analyzing government-wide financial statements, it is important to remember these statements are prepared using an economic resources measurement focus (accrual accounting) and involve the following steps to format the Statement of Net Position:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets
- Depreciate capital assets
- Report long-term debt, including pension obligations, as a liability
- Calculate revenue and expense using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting
- Allocate net position as follows:
  - Net Investment in capital assets
  - o Restricted net position is amounts with constraints placed on the use by external sources such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations.
  - o Unrestricted for no specific use

# **Fund Financial Statements**

The School District uses many funds or sub-funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions during the fiscal year. The fund financial statements presented in this report provide detail information about the School District's significant or major funds. As discussed previously, the School District has no nonmajor funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

The School District has two kinds of funds as discussed below:

Governmental Funds - Most of the School District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using the *modified accrual method of accounting* which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the School District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The differences between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u> - The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to clubs, organizations and others within the principals' accounts. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the government-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

## Financial Analysis of the School District as a Whole

Net position, which is the difference between total assets and deferred outflows of resources, and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, is one indicator of the financial condition of the School District. When revenues exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net position. When expenses exceed revenues, the result is a decrease in net position. The relationship between

revenues and expenses can be thought of as the School District's operating results. The School District's net position, as measured in the Statement of Net Position is one way to measure the School District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net position- as measured in the Statement of Activities- are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, the School District's goal and mission is to provide success for each child's education, not to generate profits as private corporations do. For this reason, many other nonfinancial factors should be considered in assessing the overall health of the School District.

In the case of the Lamar County School District, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$15.2 million at June 30, 2017. To better understand the School District's actual financial position and ability to deliver services in future periods, it is necessary to review the various components of the net position category. For example, of the \$15.2 million of net position, \$2.4 million was restricted for continuation of various Federal, State, and local programs and debt service. Accordingly, these funds were not available to meet the School District's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

In addition, the School District had \$28.9 million (net of related debt) invested in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, and equipment). The School District uses these capital assets to provide educational services to students within geographic boundaries served by the School District. Because of the very nature and on-going use of the assets being reported in this component of net position, it must be recognized that this portion of the net position is not available for future spending.

Because of the restrictions on net position as discussed above, the School District had a deficit of \$16.2 million at June 30, 2017. This deficit includes pension related charges recorded because of the implementation of GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date on Amendment to GASB No. 68. The School District believes it is also meaningful to view the School District's net position in the following manner:

Net position associated with pension obligations \$ (19,426,091.00)

Net position exclusive of pension obligations 34,591,081.06

Net position, June 30, 2017 \$ 15,164,990.06

The above analysis reflects, despite pension obligations, the School District's net position is a positive \$15.2 million and management believes the School District's financial position is sound.

Table 1 provides a summary of the School District's net position for this fiscal year as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 1
Net Position

		Governmental Activities			
		Fiscal		Fiscal	
	_	Year 2017	_	Year 2016	
Assets					
Current and Other Assets	\$	9,413,364	\$	9,601,062	
	Φ		Φ		
Capital Assets, Net	_	34,164,579	_	34,750,130	
Total Assets	_	43,577,943	_	44,351,192	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	_	5,968,881	_	1,873,406	
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	_	49,546,824	_	46,224,598	
Liabilities					
Current and Other Liabilities		2,924,631		2,871,643	
Long-Term Liabilities		6,062,231		8,071,696	
Net Pension Liability	_	24,590,762	_	18,667,962	
Total Liabilities	_	33,577,624	_	29,611,301	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	_	804,210	_	2,062,387	
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	_	34,381,834	_	31,673,688	
Net Position					
Net Investment in Capital Assets		28,946,352		27,522,438	
Restricted		2,437,098		2,105,004	
Unrestricted (Deficit)	_	(16,218,460)	_	(15,076,532)	
Total Net Position	\$_	15,164,990	\$_	14,550,910	

Total net position increased \$0.6 million in fiscal year 2017 from the prior year, but the School District still reports a deficit as shown above. In connection with deficit shown above, management presents the following additional information:

Total unrestricted net position (deficit)	\$	(16,218,460.26)
Less unrestricted deficit in net position resulting from recognition		
of net pension obligations	_	19,426,943.00
	_	
Unrestricted net position, exclusive of the net pension obligation effect	\$_	3,208,482.74

Table 2 provides a summary of the School District's net position for this fiscal year as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 2 Change in Net Position

		Governmental Activities				
	_	Fiscal Year		Fiscal Year		
	_	2017	_	2016		
Revenues	_		_	_		
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$	416,471	\$	545,161		
Operating Grants and Contributions		16,387,149		15,975,461		
Capital Grants and Contributions	_	76,665	_	166,922		
Total Program Revenues	_	16,880,285	_	16,687,544		
General Revenues:						
Taxes						
Property Taxes		8,857,311		8,840,083		
Sales Taxes		1,723,332		1,641,199		
Grants and Contributions not						
Restricted to Specific Programs						
Investment Earnings		20,106		9,542		
Miscellaneous	_	855,524	_	838,288		
Total General Revenues	_	11,456,273	_	11,329,112		
Total Revenues	_	28,336,558	_	28,016,656		
Program Expenses:						
Instruction		16,696,642		15,666,009		
Support Services						
Pupil Services		1,688,111		1,131,202		
Improvement of Instructional Services		702,118		736,276		
Educational Media Services		533,809		491,490		
General Administration		721,551		633,988		
School Administration		1,549,580		1,419,082		
Business Administration		316,331		291,588		
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		1,963,342		1,749,730		
Student Transportation Services		1,316,546		1,155,996		
Central Support Services		243,154		246,983		
Other Support Services		291,640		295,795		
Operations of Non-Instructional Services						
Enterprise Operations		12,618		-		
Community Services		9,176		-		
Food Services		1,501,138		1,367,596		
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Liabilities	_	176,723	_	281,218		
Total Expenses	_	27,722,479	_	25,466,953		
Increase in Net Position	\$_	614,079	\$_	2,549,703		

# **Cost of Providing Services**

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting these services. Table 3 shows, for governmental activities, the total cost of services and the net cost of services. Net cost of services can be defined as the total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental revenue provided for specific programs. The net cost reflects the financial burden on the School District's taxpayers by each activity as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 3
Cost of Services

		Tota	l Cost	of Services		Net Cos	t of Services		
		Fiscal		Fiscal	-	Fiscal		Fiscal	
	_	Year 2017	_	Year 2016	_	Year 2017	_	Year 2016	
Instruction	\$	16,696,642	\$	15,666,009	\$	4,902,854	\$	3,988,342	
Support Services:									
Pupil Services		1,688,111		1,131,202		1,411,692		1,015,407	
Improvement of Instructional Services		702,118		736,276		449,411		511,737	
Educational Media Services		533,809		491,490		197,336		149,856	
General Administration		721,551		633,988		170,385		92,318	
School Administration		1,549,580		1,419,082		847,371		715,067	
Business Administration		316,331		291,588		308,202		287,557	
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		1,963,342		1,749,730		1,146,401		941,777	
Student Transportation Services		1,316,546		1,155,996		742,406		553,267	
Central Support Services		243,154		246,983		235,226		242,390	
Other Support Services		291,640		295,795		278,402		199,862	
Operations of Non-Instructional Services:									
Enterprise Operations		12,618		-		12,618		-	
Community Services		9,176		-		9,176		-	
Food Services		1,501,138		1,367,596		(46,008)		(117,593)	
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	_	176,723	_	281,218	-	176,723	_	199,422	
Total Expenses	\$	27,722,479	\$_	25,466,953	\$	10,842,195	\$_	8,779,409	

Overall School District expenses increased almost \$2.3 million from the prior year, while the net costs of services increased by almost \$2.1 million from the prior year. This situation indicates both expenses and program revenues increased at virtually the same rate in fiscal year 2017.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Information about the School District's governmental funds is presented starting on Exhibit "C" of this report. Governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The governmental funds had total revenues of \$28.4 million and total expenditures of \$28.6 million in fiscal year 2017. Total governmental fund balances of almost \$6.4 million at June 30, 2017, decreased about \$215,000 from the prior year. This decrease occurred primarily because the capital projects fund made expenditures in excess of resources, which required the general fund to provide funding for a deficit of about \$556,000 in the capital projects fund at June 30, 2017.

# General Fund Budget Highlights

The School District's budget is prepared according to Georgia Law. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund. During the course of fiscal year 2017, the School District amended its general fund budget as needed.

The School District budget is adopted at the aggregate level and maintained at the program, function, object, and site levels to facilitate budgetary control. The budgeting systems are designed to control the total budget, but provide flexibility to meet the ongoing programmatic needs. The budgeting systems are also designed to control total site budgets but provide flexibility for site management as well.

For the general fund, the final actual revenues of \$25.7 million exceeded the final budgeted revenues by almost \$3.9 million. This variance was primarily due to revenues from State and Federal funds exceeding the final budgeted amount by \$2.4 million and miscellaneous revenues exceeding the final budget by \$763,000. The primary reason miscellaneous revenues exceeded the budget was because the principal's accounts were not a part of the School District final budget.

The general fund's final actual expenditures of \$25.8 million exceeded the final budget amount by just less than \$400,000. The primary reason expenditures exceeded the final budget was due to the fact the activities of the principal's accounts were not part of the School District's final budget.

# CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

# **Capital Assets**

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, the School District had almost \$34.2 million invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, all in governmental activities. These assets are made up of a broad range of items including buildings; land; land improvements; and food service, transportation and maintenance equipment. Table 4 reflects a summary of these balances, net of accumulated depreciation, as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 4
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

	_	Governmental Activities						
	_	Fiscal		Fiscal				
	_	Year 2017 Year 20						
	_							
Land	\$	879,428	\$	879,428				
Construction In Progress		21,000		-				
Land Improvements		584,007		553,206				
Building and Improvements		31,846,563		32,481,691				
Equipment	_	833,581		835,805				
Total	\$_	34,164,579	\$	34,750,130				

Additional information about the School District's Capital Assets can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

# Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2017, the School District had almost \$6.1 million in total debt outstanding which was consisted of over \$6 million in various types of bond debt, and just over \$42,000 in unamortized bond premiums. Table 5 summarizes the School District's debt as compared to the prior fiscal year.

Table 5
Changes in Long-Term Debt

		Governmental Activities						
	-	Fiscal Fiscal						
	_	Year 2017 Year 201						
General Obligations Bonds Payable	\$	2,020,000	\$	3,945,000				
QZAB Bonds Payable		4,000,000		4,000,000				
Unamortized Bond Premiums		42,231		126,696				
Total	\$	6,062,231	\$	8,071,696				

Additional information about the School District's debt can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

# FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

Currently known circumstances that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations in future years are as follows:

- The School District is financially stable. The School District's operating millage for fiscal year 2017 was 16.716, which produced almost \$473,000 per mill. The School District is in the initial phase of constructing a new high school complex, which will be funded part with proceeds of a \$24 million bond issue and with a one percent local sales tax to fund the related debt retirement.
- Although the economy has shown slight improvement over the past year, revenues to the School District have remained relatively flat. Operating revenues from property taxes actually decreased \$46,000 compared with the prior year while State and Federal revenue combined increased a modest \$500,000. The cost of providing employee benefits increased almost \$1.4 million from the prior year or just over 6%. As a result primarily of these factors, the School District's unassigned general fund balance decreased about \$541,000.00 from the prior year. The Board anticipates significant financial challenges going forward due to expected continued higher health insurance and benefit costs for employees. In spite of these challenges, the School District will continue to be a good steward of tax dollars while providing a quality educational opportunity.

# CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. Eugene Herrington, Director of Finance, Lamar County Board of Education, 100 Victory Lane, Barnesville, Georgia 30204.



# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2017

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	\$ 4,552,546.59 2,085,549.43
Accounts Receivable	292.22
Interest Taxes	292.22 441,058.99
State Government	1,791,453.84
Federal Government	273,022.31
Local	11,334.95
Other	52,351.04
Inventories	205,754.58
Capital Assets-Non Depreciable	900,428.00
Capital Assets-Depreciable	33,264,151.00
Total Assets	43,577,942.95
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Outflows of District Contributions	1,861,123.00
Deferred Outflows of Resources-Pension Plans	4,107,758.00
LIADULITIES	5,968,881.00
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts Payable	97,206.49
Interest Payable	47,250.00
Salary and Benefits Payable	2,760,350.84
Payroll Liabilities	7.26
Other Liabilities	19,816.30
Proportionate Share of Collective Net Pension Liability	24,590,762.00
Long-Term Debt  Due within one Year	2,062,231.00
Due in more than one Year	4,000,000.00
Total Liabilities	33,577,623.89
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflows of Resources-Pension Plans	804,210.00
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	28,946,352.01
Restricted	
Continuation of State and Federal Programs	694,657.78
Continuation of Sponsored Program	1,009.36
Debt Service	1,741,431.17
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(16,218,460.26)
Total Net Position	\$ 15,164,990.06

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

		•	
			CHARGES FOR
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		EXPENSES	SERVICES
Instruction	\$	16,696,641.62 \$	176,722.62
Support Services			
Pupil Services		1,688,110.73	-
Improvement of Instructional Services		702,118.40	-
Educational Media Services		533,809.40	-
General Administration		721,551.12	-
School Administration		1,549,579.55	-
Business Administration		316,331.03	-
Maintenance And Operation Of Plant Services		1,963,341.86	5,599.78
Student Transportation Service		1,316,546.08	-
Support Services - Central		243,153.83	-
Other Support Services		291,639.84	-
Operations of Non-Instructional Services			
Enterprise Operations		12,617.58	-
School Nutrition Program		1,501,137.74	234,148.45
Community Services Operations		9,175.94	-
Interest On Short-Term And Long-Term Debt and Fees	_	176,722.50	<u> </u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$	27,722,477.22 \$	416,470.85

**General Revenues** 

Taxes

**Property Taxes** 

For Maintenance and Operations

For Debt Service

Sales Tax

Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax For Capital Projects/Debt Services

Other Sales Taxes

**Investment Earnings** 

Miscellaneous

**Total General Revenues** 

Change in Net Position

Net Position - Beginning of Year

Net Position - End of Year

OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS         CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS         REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION           \$ 11,617,065.49         \$ - \$ (4,902,853.5)           276,418.31         - (1,411,692.4)           252,707.20         - (449,411.2)           336,473.00         - (197,336.4)           551,166.38         - (170,384.7)           702,208.89         - (847,370.6)           8,129.44         - (308,201.5)           811,341.33         - (1,146,400.7)           497,475.32         76,665.00         (742,405.7)           7,927.74         - (235,226.0)           13,238.17         - (278,401.6)           12,617.58         - (9,175.9)           1,312,997.31         - (9,175.9)           16,722.50         - (9,175.9)           \$ 16,387,148.58         76,665.00         (10,842,192.7)           \$ 1,637,967.60         85,364.23         1,723,331.8)           20,106.20         855,524.0)         11,456,272.60           614,079.87         - (14,550,910.1)         14,550,910.1)	Р	PROGRAM REVENUES	3			NET (EXPENSES)
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\$15,164,990.06						
					\$	15,164,990.06

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2017

	_	GENERAL FUND		CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>ASSETS</u>						
Cash and Cash Equivalents Investments	\$	4,428,932.40 586,240.07	\$	3,683.75	\$ 119,930.44 \$ 1,499,309.36	4,552,546.59 2,085,549.43
Receivables, Net Interest		292.22		-	-	292.22
Taxes State Government		288,669.05 1,791,453.84		-	152,389.94	441,058.99 1,791,453.84
Federal Government		251,022.31		-	-	251,022.31
Local Other		11,334.95 52,351.04		-	-	11,334.95 52,351.04
Inventories	_	205,754.58	_	<u>-</u>		205,754.58
Total Assets	\$ <u></u>	7,616,050.46	\$ <u>_</u>	3,683.75	\$1,771,629.74 \$	9,391,363.95
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable Salaries and Benefits Payable Payroll Withholdings Payable Other Liabilities	\$	93,522.74 2,760,350.84 7.26 19,816.30	\$	3,683.75 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$ - \$ - - -	97,206.49 2,760,350.84 7.26 19,816.30
Total Liabilities		2,873,697.14	_	3,683.75	-	2,877,380.89
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	_	119,439.09			4,948.57	124,387.66
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable		205,754.58		-	-	205,754.58
Restricted Committed		489,912.56 261,558.82		-	1,766,687.17	2,256,593.73 261,558.82
Assigned		137,395.46		-	-	137,395.46
Unassigned	_	3,528,292.81	_		<del>-</del>	3,528,292.81
Total Fund Balances	_	4,622,914.23		-	1,766,681.17	6,389,595.40
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$_	7,616,050.46	\$ <u>_</u>	3,683.75	\$ <u>1,771,629.74</u> \$	9,391,363.95

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2017

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C")

\$ 6,389,595.40

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Land	\$ 879,428.00
Land improvements	1,969,359.00
Accumulated depreciation - land improvements	(1,385,352.00)
Buildings	43,110,707.00
Accumulated depreciation - buildings	(11,264,144.00)
Construction in progress	21,000.00
Machinery and equipment	3,912,162.00
Accumulated depreciation - equipment	(3,078,581.00)

Total capital assets 34,164,579.00

Certain revenues will be collected after year end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current periods expenditures

Deferred Inflows of resources Unavailable property taxes

124,387.66

Certain liabilities, including pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds

Net pension liability (24,590,762.00)

Qualified zone academy bond intrest subsidy recorded as revenue in the Statement of Activities do not provide current financial resources and therefore are not recorded as revenue on the governmental funds statements.

22,000.00

Deferred outflows of resources and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore are not reported in the governmental funds (net)

5,164,671.00

Some liabilities reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental fund statements.

Accrued interest on long-term debt

(47,250.00)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Bonds payable \$ (6,020,000.00)
Unamortized bond premiums \$ (42,231.00) (6,062,231.00)

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A")

\$ 15,164,990.06

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	_	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES					
Property Taxes Sales Taxes State Funds Federal Funds Charges for Services Investment Earnings Miscellaneous	\$	7,903,758.99 85,364.23 13,629,496.37 2,914,726.97 416,470.85 14,387.94 766,003.05	\$  - \$ - - - - 25.15	5 906,542.83 1,637,967.60 - - - 5,693.11 81,972.00	8,810,301.82 1,723,331.83 13,629,496.37 2,914,726.97 416,470.85 20,106.20 847,975.05
Total Revenues		25,730,208.40	 25.15	2,632,175.54	28,362,409.09
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Current Instruction Support Services		15,370,210.22	3,738.40	-	15,373,948.62
Pupil Services Improvement of Instructional Services Educational Media Services General Administration School Administration Business Administration Maintenance and Operation of Plant Student Transportation Services Central Support Services Other Support Services Enterprise Operations Community Services Food Services Operation Capital Outlay Debt Services		1,666,607.73 666,879.40 519,361.40 697,275.23 1,512,658.55 291,239.32 1,813,964.17 1,240,883.08 232,590.83 282,311.84 12,617.58 9,175.94 1,501,144.74	162,396.89 - 638.73 264,553.69 8,279.00 6,000.00 - - - 110,819.00	- - - - - 856.98 - - - - - - - -	1,666,607.73 666,879.40 519,361.40 859,672.12 1,512,658.55 292,735.03 2,078,517.86 1,249,162.08 238,590.83 282,311.84 12,617.58 9,175.94 1,501,144.74 110,819.00
Principal Interest		-	-	1,925,000.00 285,250.00	1,925,000.00 285,250.00
Total Expenditures		25,816,920.03	556,425.71	2,211,106.98	28,584,452.72
Revenues over (under) Expenditures		(86,711.63)	(556,400.56)	421,068.56	(222,043.63)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale or Compensation for Loss of Fixed Assets Transfers In Transfers Out	_	7,549.00 4,000.00 (556,400.56)	556,400.56 -	- (4,000.00)	7,549.00 560,400.56 (560,400.56)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(544,851.56)	 556,400.56	(4,000.00)	7,549.00
Net Change in Fund Balances		(631,563.19)	-	417,068.56	(214,494.63)
Fund Balances - Beginning		5,254,477.42	-	1,349,612.61	6,604,090.03
Fund Balances - Ending	\$	4,622,914.23	\$ \$	51,766,681.17	\$ 6,389,595.40

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECONCILITATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN THE FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

XPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN THE FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMI YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "E")		\$	(214,494.63)
Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:			
Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in Governmental Funds. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are;			
Capital outlay additions/ corrections (net)  Depreciation expense-buildings Depreciation expense-equipment Depreciation expense-land improvements Total capital assets  Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.  Certain revenues are not deferred in the Statement of Activities based on availability	\$	636,592.00 (897,772.00) (211,219.00) (113,151.00)	(585,550.00) (569,148.00)
as they are in the Governmental funds.  Deferred inflows of resouces Unavailable federal grants June 30, 2016 June 30, 2017 Unavailable property taxes June 30, 2016 June 30, 2017  Some expenses reported on the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore are not reported as expenditures in the Governmental funds.	- 78.90)	(97,262.76) 47,008.76	(50,254.00)
Accrued interest expense June 30, 2016 June 20, 2017  Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. In the current year, these amounts consist of:		71,312.50 (47,250.00)	24,062.50
Redemption of bond principal Amortization of bond premiums		1,925,000.00 84,465.00	2,009,465.00

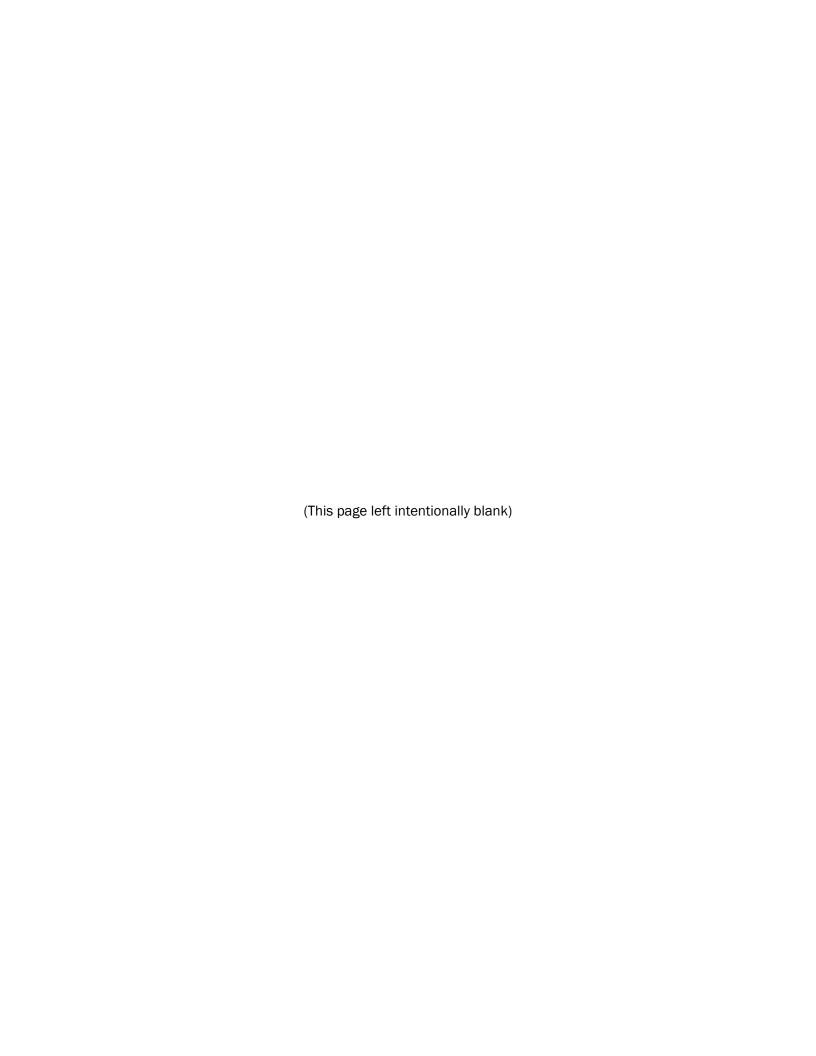
Change in Net Position- Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)

614,080.87

	PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS		AGENCY FUNDS
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 20,096.00	\$_	26,052.01
LIABILITIES			
Funds Held for Others		\$	26,052.01
NET POSITION			
Held in Trust for Private Purposes	\$ 20,096.00		

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

<u>ADDITIONS</u>	_	PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUSTS
Contributions Donors	\$	9,100.00
Change in Net Position		9,100.00
Net Position - Beginning	_	10,996.00
Net Position - Ending	\$_	20,096.00



# NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY

## **REPORTING ENTITY**

The Lamar County Board of Education (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the guidance of a board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The School District is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

# **Blended Component Unit**

The Lamar County and Career Academy (Charter School) is responsible for the public education of all students attending its school. The Charter School was created through a contract between the School District and the Charter School whereby all State funding associated with the students attending the Charter School and certain specified local funds are used to specifically to cover the cost of its operations. The financial statements of the Charter School have been included within the School District's general fund.

# NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

## **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements. The government-wide statements focus on the School District as a whole, while the fund financial statements focus on major funds. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared between years and between governments to enhance the information's usefulness.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District and its component unit, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the School District's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories as follows:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of the School District's total investment in capital
  assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt obligations related
  to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital
  assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.
- 2. **Restricted net position** consists of resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

3. **Unrestricted net position** consists of resources not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.

Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate financial statements are presented for governmental and fiduciary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. The School District had no funds reported as nonmajor funds.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- The capital projects fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) and Bond Proceeds that are restricted, committed or assigned for capital outlay expenditures, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- The debt service fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned including taxes (property and sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal and interest.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund types:

- Private purpose trust funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly
  reported elsewhere, in which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or
  other governments.
- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

# **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, sales taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the underlying transaction (sale) takes place. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the School District's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

# **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This statement requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose the following information; (1) brief descriptive information, such as the tax being abated, the authority under which tax abatements are provided, eligibility criteria, the mechanism by which taxes are abated, provisions for recapturing abated taxes, and the types of commitments made by tax abatement recipients; (2) the gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period; and (3) commitments made by a government, other than to abate taxes, as part of a tax abatement agreement. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14. This statement amends the blending requirements for the financial statement presentation of component units of all state and local governments. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organization Are Component Units. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statement.

In fiscal year 2017, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 82, Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73. This statement addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement No. 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements No. 67 and No. 68. Specifically, this statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting

purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statement.

# **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, investments in the State of Georgia local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1) and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

# **INVESTMENTS**

The School District can invest its funds as permitted by O.C.G.A. §36-83-4. In selecting among options for investment or among institutional bids for deposits, the highest rate of return shall be the objective, given equivalent conditions of safety and liquidity.

Investments made by the School District in nonparticipating interest-earning contracts (such as certificates of deposit) and repurchase agreements are reported at cost. Participating interest-earning contracts and money market investments with a maturity at purchase of one year or less are reported at amortized cost. All other investments are reported at fair value.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposit are classified as investments if they have an original maturity greater than three months when acquired.

# **RECEIVABLES**

Receivables consist of amounts due from property and sales taxes, grant reimbursements due on Federal, State or other grants for expenditures made but not reimbursed and other receivables disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

## **INVENTORIES**

# **Food Inventories**

On the basic financial statements, inventories of donated food commodities used in the preparation of meals are reported at their Federally assigned value and purchased foods inventories are reported at cost calculated on the (first-in, first-out basis). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

# **CAPITAL ASSETS**

On the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are recorded at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date donated. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art.

Capital acquisition and construction are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges), and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line for all assets, except land, and is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of capital assets over estimated useful lives.

Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

		Capitalization	Estimated
	_	Policy	Useful Life
	_		
Land		All	N/A
Land Improvements	\$	5,000.00	10 to 60 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$	5,000.00	20 to 60 years
Equipment	\$	5,000.00	3 to 15 years
Intangible Assets	\$	100,000.00	Individually determined

# **DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

# LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

In the School District's government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Using the straight line method is a departure from GAAP. To conform to generally accepted accounting principles, bond premiums and discounts should be amortized using the effective interest method. The effect of this deviation is deemed to be immaterial to the fair presentation of the basic financial statements. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the School District recognizes the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

# **PENSIONS**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

# **FUND BALANCES**

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The School District's fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** consists of resources that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant constraints either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board. The Board is the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** consists of resources constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

**Unassigned** consists of resources within the general fund not meeting the definition of any aforementioned category. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

## **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

# **PROPERTY TAXES**

The Lamar County Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2016 tax digest year (calendar year) on September 16, 2016 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2016. Taxes were due on November 21, 2016 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2016 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2017. The Lamar County Tax Commissioner bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$7,903,758.99 and for school bonds amounted to \$906,542.83.

Tax millage rates levied for the 2016 tax year (calendar year) for the School District were as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	16.716	mills
School Bonds	2.000	mills
		_
	18.716	mills

Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$581,473.85 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

## **SALES TAXES**

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$1,637,967.60 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years. The most recent authorization expires on December 31, 2022.

# **NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA**

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year, and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general fund. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for all governmental funds, except the various school activity (principal) accounts and certain Federal Sponsored and Local Programs, is prepared and adopted by fund, function and object. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund and function level. The budget for the general fund was prepared in accordance accounting principles permitted by the State of Georgia, but not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

The Board is authorized to approve adjustments of the amount budgeted for expenditures in any budget function. Under no circumstance is the Superintendent or other staff person authorized to spend funds that exceed the total budget without approval by the Board.

See the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual in the Supplementary Information Section for a detail of any over/under expenditures during fiscal year 2017.

# **BUDGETARY/GAAP BASIS RECONCILIATION**

In the general fund, accounting principles used in developing budgets on a budgetary basis differ from those used in preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The primary differences between the budget basis and GAAP basis are:

- 1. Revenues and expenditures of the school principals' accounts and certain Federal, sponsored and local programs are omitted from the budget.
- 2. Payments made by the State of Georgia for School District employee benefits are recognized as revenues and expenditures under GAAP and are not recognized on the budget basis.

Thus, there is an accounting basis difference between the budget and actual Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances in the general fund that is reconciled as follows:

Actual Revenues, GAAP Basis			\$	25,730,208.40
Revenues from School Principals Accounts and				
Certain Federal, Local and Sponsored Programs Omitted from Budget	\$	1,021,166.35		
On-Behalf Benefits Contribution Omitted from Budget	_	77,424.94		1,098,591.29
Actual Revenues, Budgetary Basis				24,631,617.11
Actual Expenditures, GAAP Basis				25,816,920.03
Expenditures from School Principals Accounts				
Certain Federal, Local and Sponsored Programs Omitted from Budget	\$	1,012,642.83		
On-Behalf Benefits Contribution Omitted from Budget		77,424.94		1,090,067.77
Actual Expenditures, Budgetary Basis				24,726,852.26
				(2-22-4-)
Revenues Over Expenditures - Budgetary Basis			\$	(95,235.15)
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Revenues Over Expenditures - GAAP Basis			\$	(86,711.63)

#### NOTE 4: DEPOSITS, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

#### **COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

O.C.G.A. § 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110% of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (O.C.G.A. § 45-8-13.1) the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110% of the daily pool balance. Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,
- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and

(7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by or securities guaranteed by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

#### **CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2017, School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$3,817,447.46 (excluding amounts invested in Georgia Fund 1), and a bank balance of \$4,276,248.02. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$500,000.00 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$3,776,248.02.

Statement of Net Position	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,552,546.59
Statement of Fiduiary Net Position	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	46,148.01
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,598,694.60
Add: Deposits with original maturity of 3 months or more reported as investments	586,240.07
Less: Investment Pools reported as Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,367,487.21
Total Carrying Value of Deposits- June 30, 2017	\$ 3,817,447.46

#### CATEGORIZATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS

As discussed above, the School District reported cash equivalents of \$1,367,487.21 in Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool, which is included in the cash balances above. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share, which approximates fair value. The pool is an AAAf rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity of Georgia Fund 1 may not exceed 60 days. The weighted average maturity for Georgia Fund 1 on June 30, 2017, was 56 days.

Georgia Fund 1, administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer, is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The investment policy of the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer for the Georgia Fund 1, does not provide for investment in derivatives or similar investments. Additional information on the Georgia Fund 1 is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This audit can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at <a href="https://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html">www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html</a>.

#### **CATEGORIZATION OF INVESTMENTS**

At June 30, 2017, the School District had the following investments:

		Investment Maturity
Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than 1 Year
Federal Government Obligation Fund Institutional Shares	\$ 1,499,309.36	\$ 1,499,309.36

The Federated Government Obligation Fund (GOF) Institutional Shares, formerly referred to as a government obligations fund, administered by Federated Investors, Incorporated, is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The Federated Government Obligations Fund invests in a portfolio of short term U.S. Treasury and government agency securities, including repurchase agreements.

The Federated Government Securities Fund is registered with the SEC as an Investment company and operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the fund share price of \$1.00 per share. The fund is an AAAm rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity for Federated Government Obligations Fund on June 30, 2017 was 34 days.

#### Fair Value of Investments

The School District records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices for identical investments in active markets;
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted market prices; and,
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs.

The School District has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2017:

Investments in the Federated Government Obligations Fund of \$1,499,309.36 are valued using market quoted prices (Level I Inputs).

#### **CREDIT QUALITY RISK**

Credit quality risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. State law limits investments to those prescribed O.C.G.A. §36-83-4. The School District does not have a formal policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

#### **NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for governmental activities during the fiscal year:

	-	Balances July 1, 2016		Increases	_	Decreases		Balances June 30, 2017		
Governmental Activities										
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:										
Land	\$	879,428.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	879,428.00		
Construction in Progress	_	-		21,000.00	_	-		21,000.00		
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated		879,428.00		21,000.00				900,428.00		
Total Capital Assets Not being Depreciated	-	879,428.00		21,000.00	-			900,428.00		
Capital Assets Being Depreciated										
Buildings and Improvements		42,848,063.00		262,644.00		-		43,110,707.00		
Equipment		3,754,751.00		208,995.00		51,584.00		3,912,162.00		
Land Improvements		1,825,407.00		143,952.00		-		1,969,359.00		
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:										
Buildings and Improvements		10,366,372.00		897,772.00		-		11,264,144.00		
Equipment		2,918,946.00		211,219.00		51,584.00		3,078,581.00		
Land Improvements	_	1,272,201.00		113,151.00	_	-		1,385,352.00		
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	-	33,870,702.00		(606,551.00)	_	-		33,264,151.00		
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$	34,750,130.00	\$	(585,551.00)	\$_	-	\$	34,164,579.00		
Current year depreciation expense by fi	Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:									

#### Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction			\$	973,123.00
Support Services				
Business Administration	\$	11,356.00		
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		43,540.00		
Student Transportation Services		141,461.00		196,357.00
Food Services	_		_	52,662.00
			\$	1,222,142.00

#### **INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

	_	Transf	ers F	rom
Transfers to		General Fund		Debt Service Fund
General Fund	\$	-	\$	4,000.00
Capital Projects Fund		556,400.56		
		_		
Total	\$	556,400.56	\$	4,000.00

- 1) A transfer of \$556,400.56 was made from the general fund to the capital projects fund to fund a deficit in that fund at June 30, 2017.
- 2) A transfer of \$4000.00 was made from the debt service fund to the general fund to reimburse an expenditure made by general fund that should have been paid from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) funds.

#### **NOTE 6: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year for governmental activities were as follows:

		Governmental Activities										
	_	Balance July 1, 2016		Additions		Deductions		Balance June 30, 2017	_	Due Within One Year		
General Obligation (G.0) Bonds Unamortized Bond Premiums Qualified Zone Academy Bonds	\$	3,945,000.00 126,696.00 4,000,000.00	\$ _	- - -	\$	1,925,000.00 84,465.00	\$	2,020,000.00 42,231.00 4,000,000.00	\$_	2,020,000.00 42,231.00 -		
	\$_	8,071,696.00	\$_	-	\$	2,009,465.00	\$	6,062,231.00	\$_	2,062,231.00		

#### **GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING**

The School District's bonded debt consists of various issues of general obligation bonds that are generally noncallable with interest payable semiannually. Bond proceeds primarily pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. The School District repays general obligation bonds from voter-approved property and sales taxes. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District.

General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

	Interest					Amount
Description	Rates	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	_	Outstanding
General Government - Series 2008 Unamortized Bond Premiums	3.00 - 5.00%	4/1/2008	4/1/2018	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ _	2,020,000.00 42,231.00
					\$_	2,062,231.00

The following schedule details debt service requirements to maturity for the School District's total general obligation bonds payable:

	_	General Oblig		Unamortized Bond	
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:		Principal	Interest		Premium
	_				
2018	\$_	2,020,000.00 \$	101,000.00	\$	42,231.00

#### QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (QZAB)

Section 226 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-34) provides for a source of capital at no or at nominal interest rates for costs incurred by School Districts in connection with the establishment of special academic programs, in partnership with the business community. This agreement establishes a method of repayment for qualified interest-free debt instrument.

In fiscal year 2007, The School District, in agreement with Liberty Freedom Academy, entered into such an arrangement for the sale of \$2,000,000.00 of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (OZAB) for the purpose of capital construction.

Additionally, in fiscal year 2012, the Lamar County Board of Education sold \$2,000,000.00 of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) - Series 2011 for the purpose of funding the costs of renovations and improvements at Lamar College and Career Center. Under Federal Law, these bonds are eligible to receive an interest subsidy from the U.S. Government which will materially offset the School District's liability to make full interest debt service amortization payments as scheduled. To qualify for this subsidy the School District is required to periodically file appropriate documents with the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of interest due on QZAB - 2011 series bonds included in the above amortization schedule is \$528,000.00. The interest subsidy received by the School District from the U.S Government in fiscal year 2017 funded all but \$6,028.00 of the \$88,000.00 interest expense due on the series 2011 QZAB bonds in fiscal year 2017.

The School District is obligated make an annual deposit of \$500,000.00 to a sinking fund for retirement of this debt beginning April 1, 2021, through April 1, 2023.

Debt currently outstanding under Qualified Zone Academy Bonds is as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rates	Issue Date	Maturity Date	_	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Series 2007 QZAB Series 2011 QZAB	0.00% 4.40%	12/19/2007 12/29/2011	12/19/2018 4/1/2023	/19/2018 \$ 2,000,000.00 \$ 4/1/2023 2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00 2,000,000.00
				\$_	4,000,000.00 \$	4,000,000.00

The following schedule reports the annual required Qualified Zone Academy Bond payments:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:		Principal		Interest
	_		•	
2018	\$	-	\$	88,000.00
2019		2,000,000.00		88,000.00
2020		-		88,000.00
2021		-		88,000.00
2022		-		88,000.00
2023	_	2,000,000.00		88,000.00
			•	
Total Principal and Interest	\$_	4,000,000.00	\$	528,000.00

#### **NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT**

#### **INSURANCE**

#### **Commercial Insurance**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Except as described below, the School District carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims based on known claims and prior experience. The School District accounts for claims with expenses/expenditures and the related liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

Changes in the unemployment compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

		Beginning	Claims and			
		of Year	Changes in		Claims	End of Year
	_	Liability	Estimates Paid		Liability	
2016	\$	-	\$ 723.00	\$	723.00	\$ -
2017	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 

#### **SURETY BOND**

The School District purchased a surety bond to provide additional insurance coverage as follows:

Position Covered	 Amount
Superintendent	\$ 25,000.00

#### **NOTE 8: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2017:

Nonspendable				
Inventories			\$	205,754.58
Restricted				
Continuation of Federal Programs	\$	479,821.02		
Continuation of State Programs		9,082.18		
Continuation of Sponsored Program		1,009.36		
Debt Service	_	1,766,681.17	_	2,256,593.73
Committed	•		_	
School Activity Accounts				261,558.82
Assigned				
Local School Projects				137,395.46
Unassigned			_	3,528,292.81
			•	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2017			\$	6,389,595.40

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the School District will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

It is the goal of the School District to achieve and maintain a committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the general fund at fiscal year-end of not less than 12% of expenditures not to exceed 15% of the total budget of the subsequent fiscal year, in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-167(a)5. If the unassigned fund balance at fiscal year-end falls below the goal, the School District shall develop a restoration plan to achieve and maintain the minimum fund balance.

#### NOTE 9: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

#### **FEDERAL GRANTS**

Amounts received or receivable principally from the Federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the School District. However, the School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

#### **LITIGATION**

The School District is a defendant in various legal proceedings pertaining to matters incidental to the performance of routine School District operations. The ultimate disposition of these proceedings is not presently determinable, but is not believed to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the School District.

#### **NOTE 10: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

#### GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND

*Plan Description*. The Georgia School Personnel Post-Employment Health Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that covers eligible former employees of public school systems, libraries and regional educational service agencies. The School OPEB Fund provides health insurance benefits to eligible former employees and their qualified beneficiaries through the State Employees Health Benefit Plan administered by the Department of Community Health. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) assigns the

authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the group health plans, including benefits for retirees, to the Board of Community Health (Board). Additional information about the School OPEB Fund is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This report can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at <a href="https://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html">www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html</a>.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements of plan members and participating employers are established by the Board in accordance with the current Appropriations Act and may be amended by the Board. Contributions of plan members or beneficiaries receiving benefits vary based on plan election, dependent coverage, and Medicare eligibility and election. For members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, contributions also vary based on years of service. On average, members with five years or more of service as of January 1, 2012 pay approximately 25% of the cost of the health insurance coverage. In accordance with the Board resolution dated December 8, 2011, for members with fewer than five years of service as of January 1, 2012, the State provides a premium subsidy in retirement that ranges from 0% for fewer than 10 years of service to 75% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to active employees) for 30 or more years of service. The subsidy for eligible dependents ranges from 0% to 55% (but no greater than the subsidy percentage offered to dependents of active employees minus 20%). No subsidy is available to Medicare eligible members not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Option. The Board of Community Health sets all member premiums by resolution and in accordance with the law and applicable revenue and expense projections. Any subsidy policy adopted by the Board may be changed at any time by Board resolution and does not constitute a contract or promise of any amount of subsidy.

Participating employers are statutorily required to contribute in accordance with the employer contribution rates established by the Board. The contribution rates are established to fund all benefits due under the health insurance plans for both active and retired employees based on projected "payas-you-go" financing requirements. Contributions are not based on the actuarially calculated annual required contribution (ARC) which represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The combined active and retiree contribution rates established by the Board for employers participating in the School OPEB Fund were as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017:

For certificated teachers, librarians and regional educational service agencies and certain other eligible participants:

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 \$945.00 per member per month

For non-certificated school personnel:

July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016 \$746.20 per member per month

January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017 \$846.20 per member per month

No additional contribution was required by the Board for fiscal year 2017 nor contributed to the School OPEB Fund to prefund retiree benefits. Such additional contribution amounts are determined annually by the Board in accordance with the School plan for other post-employment benefits and are subject to appropriation.

The School District's combined active and retiree contributions to the health insurance plans, which equaled the required contribution, for the current fiscal year and the preceding two fiscal years were as follows:

		Percentage		Required
_	Fiscal Year	Contributed	_	Contribution
_				
	2017	100%	\$	2,938,076.25
	2016	100%	\$	2,771,136.30
	2015	100%	\$	2,704,723.70

#### **NOTE 11: RETIREMENT PLANS**

The School District participates in various retirement plans administered by the State of Georgia, as further explained below.

#### TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)

*Plan Description:* All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by O.C.G.A. §47-3-63 are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial audit report that can be obtained at <a href="https://www.trsga.com/publications">www.trsga.com/publications</a>.

Benefits Provided: TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and death benefits. Normal retirement benefits are determined as 2% of the average of the employee's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. An employee is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. Ten years of service is required for disability and death benefits eligibility. Disability benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the time of disability. Death benefits equal the amount that would be payable to the employee's beneficiary had the employee retired on the date of death. Death benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the date of death.

Contributions: Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §47-3-63, the employer contributions for certain full-time public school support personnel are funded on behalf of the employer by the State of Georgia. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2017. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2017 was 14.27% of annual School District payroll, of which 14.08% of payroll was required from the School District and 0.19% of payroll was required from the State. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$1,846,391.00 and \$25,010.49 from the School District and the State, respectively.

#### **EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

*Plan description:* The Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly during the 1949 Legislative Session for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for employees of the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. ERS is directed by a Board of Trustees. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at <a href="https://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs">www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs/formspubs/formspubs</a>.

Benefits provided: The ERS Plan supports three benefit tiers: Old Plan, New Plan, and Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan (GSEPS). Employees under the old plan started membership prior to July 1, 1982 and are subject to plan provisions in effect prior to July 1, 1982. Members hired on or after July 1, 1982 but prior to January 1, 2009 are new plan members subject to modified plan provisions. Effective January 1, 2009, new state employees and rehired state employees who did not retain membership rights under the Old or New Plans are members of GSEPS. ERS members hired prior to January 1, 2009 also have the option to irrevocably change their membership to GSEPS.

Under the old plan, the new plan, and GSEPS, a member may retire and receive normal retirement benefits after completion of 10 years of creditable service and attainment of age 60 or 30 years of creditable service regardless of age. Additionally, there are some provisions allowing for early retirement after 25 years of creditable service for members under age 60.

Retirement benefits paid to members are based upon the monthly average of the member's highest 24 consecutive calendar months, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, multiplied by the applicable benefit factor. Annually, postretirement cost-of-living adjustments may also be made to members' benefits, provided the members were hired prior to July 1, 2009. The normal retirement pension is payable monthly for life; however, options are available for distribution of the member's monthly pension, at reduced rates, to a designated beneficiary upon the member's death. Death and disability benefits are also available through ERS.

Contributions: Member contributions under the old plan are 4% of annual compensation, up to \$4,200.00, plus 6% of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200.00. Under the old plan, the state pays member contributions in excess of 1.25% of annual compensation. Under the old plan, these state contributions are included in the members' accounts for refund purposes and are used in the computation of the members' earnable compensation for the purpose of computing retirement benefits. Member contributions under the new plan and GSEPS are 1.25% of annual compensation. The School District's contractually required contribution rate, actuarially determined annually, for the year ended June 30, 2017 was 24.69% of annual covered payroll for old and new plan members and 21.69% for GSEPS members. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions to the pension plan were \$14,732.00 for fiscal year 2017.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)

*Plan description:* PSERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1969 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for public school employees who are not eligible for membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. The ERS Board of Trustees, plus two additional trustees, administers PSERS. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.

**Benefits provided:** A member may retire and elect to receive normal monthly retirement benefits after completion of ten years of creditable service and attainment of age 65. A member may choose to receive reduced benefits after age 60 and upon completion of ten years of service.

Upon retirement, the member will receive a monthly benefit of \$14.75, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Death and disability benefits are also available through PSERS. Additionally, PSERS may make periodic cost-of-living adjustments to the monthly benefits. Upon termination of employment, member contributions with accumulated interest are refundable upon request by the member. However, if an otherwise vested member terminates and withdraws his/her member contribution, the member forfeits all rights to retirement benefits.

*Contributions:* The general assembly makes an annual appropriation to cover the employer contribution to PSERS on behalf of local school employees (bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and maintenance staff). The annual employer contribution required by statute is actuarially determined

and paid directly to PSERS by the State Treasurer in accordance with 0.C.G.A. §47-4-29(a) and 60(b). Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution by the State of Georgia was \$52,414.00.

### Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2017, the School District reported a total liability of \$24,590,762.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, consisting of a liability for TRS of \$24,469,947.00 and a liability for ERS of \$120,815.00.

The TRS net pension liability reflected a reduction for support provided to the School District by the State of Georgia for certain public school support personnel. The amount recognized by the School District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State of Georgia support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School District were as follows:

School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability \$ 24,469,947.00

State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District

374,661.00

Total \$ 24,844,608.00

The net pension liability for TRS and ERS was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS and ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

At June 30, 2016, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.118607%, which was a decrease of 0.003336% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015. At June 30, 2016, the School District's ERS proportion was 0.002554%, which was an increase of 0.000003% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

At June 30, 2017, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is \$362,262.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the School District was based on actuarially determined contributions paid by the State during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School District recognized pension expense of \$2,452,262.00 for TRS, \$11,741.00 for ERS and \$59,388.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$25,010.94 for TRS and \$52,414.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia. For TRS the State of Georgia support is provided only for certain support personnel.

At June 30, 2017, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

		TRS			ERS		
		Deferred	Deferred	•	Deferred	Deferred	
		Outflows of	Inflows of		Outflows of	Inflows of	
	-	Resources	Resources	,	Resources	Resources	
Differences between expected and actual							
experience	\$	364,536.00 \$	121,004.00	\$	- \$	279.00	
Changes of assumptions		634,227.00	-		1,023.00	-	
Net difference between projected and actual							
earnings on pension plan investments		3,095,549.00	-		12,283.00	-	
Changes in proportion and differences between							
School District contributions and proportionate							
share of contributions		-	682,927.00		140.00	-	
School District contributions subsequent to the							
measurement date	-	1,846,391.00		,	14,732.00		
Total	\$	5,940,703.00 \$	803,931.00	\$	28,178.00	279.00	

The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$1,846,391.00 for TRS and \$14,732.00 for ERS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	 TRS	ERS
2018	\$ 273,436.00	1,410.00
2019	\$ 273,435.00	1,030.00
2020	\$ 1,620,395.00	6,623.00
2021	\$ 1,096,912.00	4,104.00
2022	\$ 26 203 00	_

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2015, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

#### Teachers Retirement System:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% - 9.00%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males) for service requirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries'

projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) was used for the death after disability retirement. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

#### Employees' Retirement System:

Inflation 2.75%

Salary increases 3.25% – 7.00%, average, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense,

including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set forward 2 years for both males and females for service retirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP- 2000 Disabled Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for females was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-12% less than the actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for service retirements and beneficiaries and for disability retirements. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

#### Public School Employees Retirement System:

Inflation 2.75% Salary increases N/A

Investment rate of return 7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense,

including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) for the period after service retirements and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-11% less than the actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for healthy retirees and 9-11% less than expected under the selected table for disabled retirees. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS, ERS and PSERS pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected

rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	(0.50)%
Domestic large stocks	37.20%	9.00%
Domestic mid stocks	3.40%	12.00%
Domestic small stocks	1.40%	13.50%
International developed market stocks	17.80%	8.00%
International emerging market stocks	5.20%	12.00%
Alternative	5.00%	10.50%
Total	100.00%	

<sup>\*</sup> Rates shown are net of the 2.75% assumed rate of inflation

*Discount rate:* The discount rate used to measure the total TRS, ERS and PSERS pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the TRS, ERS and PSERS pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

Teachers Retirement System:	_	1% Decrease (6.50%)		Current Discount Rate (7.50%)		1% Increase (8.50%)	
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	38,087,774.00	\$	24,469,947.00	\$	13,257,911.00	
Employees Retirement System:	_	1% Decrease (6.50%)		Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	_	1% Increase (8.50%)	
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	163,727.00	\$	120,815.00	\$	84,246.00	

*Pension plan fiduciary net position:* Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS, ERS and PSERS financial report which is publically available at <a href="https://www.trsga.com/publications">www.trsga.com/publications</a> and <a href="https://www.trsga.com/publications">www.trsga.com/publications

#### **NOTE 12: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In the subsequent fiscal year, the School District issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$24,000,000.00, as authorized by a voter referendum. The proceeds from these bonds will be used to pay the costs of construction and equipping of a new high school complex to replace the current Lamar County High School complex, as specified in the referendum. The referendum also authorized collection of a one percent sales and use tax for a period not to exceed twenty quarters which will be used to pay debt service on the bonds and a portion of the cost of the projects authorized. The newly authorized tax will expire on December 31, 2022.



# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	pr	School District's oportionate share f the net pension liability	propo the ne asso	nte of Georgia's ortionate share of et pension liability ociated with the chool District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2017	0.118607%	\$	24,469,947.00	\$	374,661.00	\$ 24,844,608.00	\$ 13,217.00	185.14%	76.06%
2016	0.121943%	\$	18,564,611.00	\$	301,283.00	\$ 18,865,894.00	\$ 13,080,704.00	141.92%	81.44%
2015	0.122616%	\$	15,490,914.00	\$	246,736.00	\$ 15,737,650.00	\$ 12,739,646.00	121.60%	84.03%

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	propo	chool District's ortionate share of e net pension liability	nool District's vered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2017	0.002554%	\$	120,815.00	\$ 59,380.80	203.46%	72.34%
2016	0.002551%	\$	103,351.00	\$ 58,277.16	177.34%	76.20%
2015	0.002544%	\$	95,416.00	\$ 57,281.64	166.57%	77.99%

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

Year Ended	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	propo share	District's ortionate of the net on liability	propo th liab	ate of Georgia's ortionate share of e net pension oility associated ith the School District	Total	hool District's vered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2017	-	\$	-	\$	362,262.00	\$ 362,262.00	\$ 723,238.34	N/A	81.00%
2016	-	\$	-	\$	239,268.00	\$ 239,268.00	\$ 753,234.01	N/A	87.00%
2015	-	\$	-	\$	221,654.00	\$ 221,654.00	\$ 765,895.74	N/A	88.29%

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

Co Year Ended		Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution contribution				ontribution deficiency (excess)	Sch	ool District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2017	\$	1,846,391.00	\$	1,846,391.00	\$	-	\$	13,109,094.16	14.08%
2016	\$	1,857,679.00	\$	1,857,679.00	\$	-	\$	13,217,267.39	14.05%
2015(1)	\$	1,719,711.00	\$	1,719,711.00	\$	-	\$	13,080,704.00	13.15%
2014(1)	\$	1,564,428.00	\$	1,564,428.00	\$	-	\$	12,739,646.00	12.28%
2013(1)	\$	1,477,572.00	\$	1,477,572.00	\$	-	\$	12,758,912.00	11.58%
2012(1)	\$	1,324,453.00	\$	1,324,453.00	\$	-	\$	12,692,579.00	10.43%
2011(1)	\$	1,266,865.00	\$	1,266,865.00	\$	-	\$	12,316,816.00	10.29%
2010(1)	\$	1,200,864.00	\$	1,200,864.00	\$	-	\$	12,172,314.00	9.87%
2009(1)	\$	1,128,989.00	\$	1,128,989.00	\$	-	\$	12,165,579.00	9.28%

<sup>(1)</sup> The School District has included On Behalf Payments within the contributions for years 2015 and prior

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

### Contributions in

Year Ended	relation to the  Contractually required contractually required Contribution School District's contribution deficiency (excess) covered payroll							Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll	
2017	\$ 14,732.00	\$	14,732.00	\$	-	\$	59,380.80	24.81%	
2016	\$ 14,679.00	\$	14,679.00	\$	-	\$	59,380.80	24.72%	
2015	\$ 12,810.00	\$	12,810.00	\$	-	\$	58,277.16	21.98%	
2014	\$ 10,574.00	\$	10,574.00	\$	-	\$	57,281.64	18.46%	

## LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### Teachers Retirement System

Changes of assumptions: In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to RP 2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males).

#### Employees' Retirement System

*Changes of assumptions:* On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases.

#### Public School Employees Retirement System

Changes of assumptions: In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement and withdrawal. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP 2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females).

# LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL FUND SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

		NONAPPROPRIAT	TED BUDGETS	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	_	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
	_			-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Property Taxes	\$	7,545,582.00 \$	7,545,582.00 \$	7,903,758.99 \$	358,176.99
Sales Taxes		-	-	85,364.23	85,364.23
State Funds		12,844,225.00	12,844,225.00	13,629,496.37	785,271.37
Federal Funds		1,264,565.60	1,264,565.60	2,914,726.97	1,650,161.37
Charges for Services		207,695.65	207,695.65	416,470.85	208,775.20
Investment Earnings		320.00	320.00	14,387.94	14,067.94
Miscellaneous	_	2,900.00	2,900.00	766,003.05	763,103.05
Total Revenues	_	21,865,288.25	21,865,288.25	25,730,208.40	3,864,920.15
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Instruction		13,633,010.94	15,796,289.71	15,370,210.22	426,079.49
Support Services					
Pupil Services		857,185.77	1,053,491.97	1,666,607.73	(613,115.76)
Improvement of Instructional Services		320,470.78	770,756.98	666,879.40	103,877.58
Educational Media Services		513,662.86	523,734.86	519,361.40	4,373.46
General Administration		693,334.22	686,482.22	697,275.23	(10,793.01)
School Administration		1,483,743.78	1,495,463.45	1,512,658.55	(17,195.10)
Business Administration		262,721.17	267,721.17	291,239.32	(23,518.15)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant		1,746,012.74	1,745,728.07	1,813,964.17	(68,236.10)
Student Transportation Services		1,024,252.73	1,150,573.73	1,240,883.08	(90,309.35)
Central Support Services		223,075.91	228,475.91	232,590.83	(4,114.92)
Other Support Services		199,756.56	209,089.56	282,311.84	(73,222.28)
Enterprise Operations		-	-	12,617.58	(12,617.58)
Community Services		-	-	9,175.94	(9,175.94)
Food Services Operation	_	1,514,742.25	1,514,742.25	1,501,144.74	13,597.51
Total Expenditures	_	22,471,969.71	25,442,549.88	25,816,920.03	(374,370.15)
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	_	(606,681.46)	(3,577,261.63)	(86,711.63)	3,490,550.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Othor Courses		75 000 00	75 000 00		(75,000,00)
Other Sources		75,000.00	75,000.00	7 5 40 00	(75,000.00)
Sales or Compensation of Loss Fixed Assets		-	<del>-</del>	7,549.00	7,549.00
Transfer Out	_	<u>-</u>		(552,400.56)	(552,400.56)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u> -	75,000.00	75,000.00	(544,851.56)	(619,851.56)
Net Change in Fund Balances		(531,681.46)	(3,502,261.63)	(631,563.19)	2,870,698.44
Fund Balances - Beginning		5,392,416.05	5,392,416.05	5,254,477.42	(137,938.63)
Adjustments	_		(228,968.86)	<u>-</u> _	228,968.86
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ _	4,860,734.59 \$	1,661,185.56 \$	4,622,914.23 \$	2,961,728.67

### Notes to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

(1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues and expenditures of the various funds or programs reported as part of the general fund. The actual revenues and expenditures of these proprams are as follows:

	Revenues			Expenditures	
Junior ROTC	\$	65,827.93	\$	78,832.58	
School Principals Accounts		908,846.60		879,191.44	
Fund 559		15,000.00		13,990.64	
Career College Academy		-		7,299.92	
Public Relations		20,195.88		22,933.66	
After School Program		4,168.58		-	
Fund Raising		5,474.78		9,114.90	
SNP Services		1,652.28		1,279.69	
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	\$	1,021,166.05	\$_	1,012,642.83	

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

## LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

FUNDING AGENCY	CFDA	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID	EXPENDITURES
PROGRAM/GRANT	NUMBER	NUMBER	IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553		\$ 278,000.88
National School Lunch Program	10.555	16165GA324N1099	1,161,937.94
Total U.S Department of Agriculture			1,439,938.82
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A150073	469,077.49
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A150081	10,433.88
Total Special Education Cluster			479,511.37
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A150010	23,319.59
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367A150001	107,757.18
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A150010	709,069.41
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	S287C150010	270,533.38
Total Other Programs			1,110,679.56
Total U. S. Department of Education			1,590,190.93
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Army			
R.O.T.C. Program			78,832.58
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$3,108,962.33

### Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

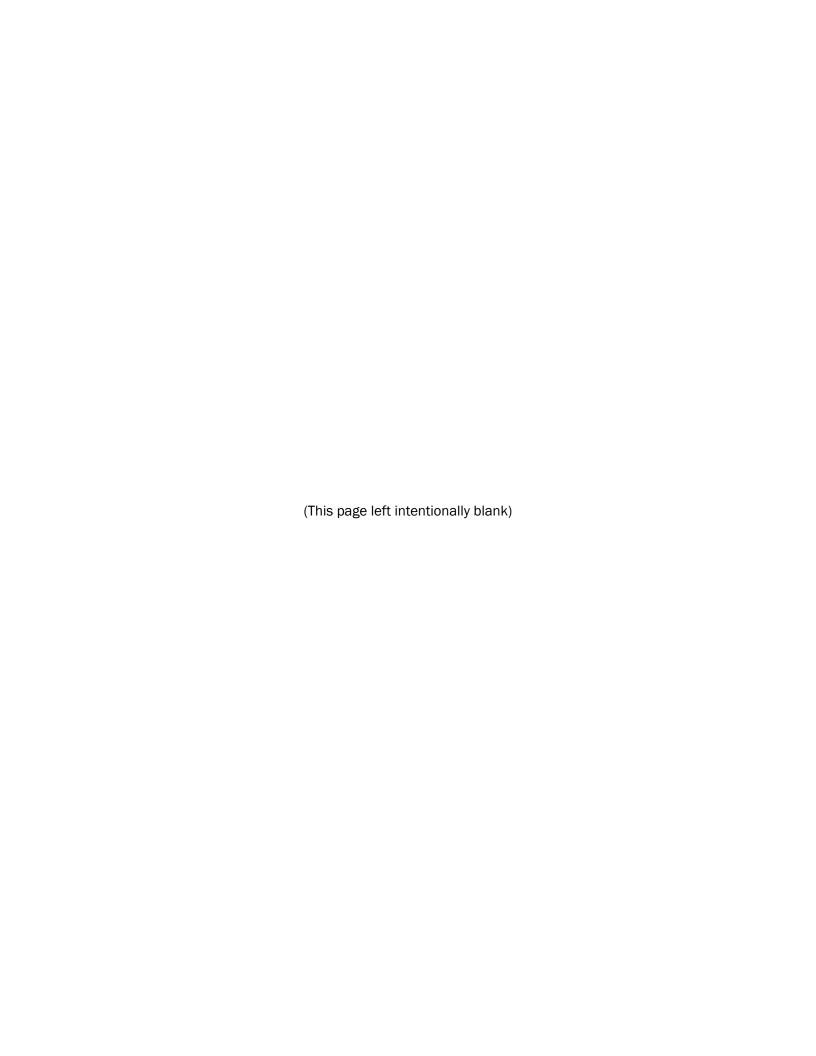
The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the Lamar County Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2016. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

### Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
ICY/FUNDING	GENERAL FUND
RANTS	
Bright From the Start:	
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$ 524,846.4
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Education, Georgia Department of	
Quality Basic Education	
Direct Instructional Cost	
Kindergarten Program	692,489.0
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program	223,404.0
Primary Grades (1-3) Program	1,898,913.0
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program	322,416.0
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program	854,745.0
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program	184,612.0
Middle School (6-8) Program	1,549,495.0
High School General Education (9-12) Program	1,398,878.0
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program	485,872.0
Students with Disabilities	1,889,770.0
Gifted Student - Category VI	643,561.0
Remedial Education Program	157,855.0
Alternative Education Program	115,580.0
English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	14,941.0
Media Center Program	282,258.0
20 Days Additional Instruction	85,926.0
Staff and Professional Development	48,398.0
Principal Staff and Professional Development	1,010.0
Indirect Cost	
Central Administration	439,858.0
School Administration	588,769.0
Facility Maintenance and Operations	655,374.0
Mid-term Adjustment Hold-Harmless	79,665.0
Amended Formula Adjustment	(190,242.0
Categorical Grants	·
Pupil Transportation	
Regular	371,663.0
Nursing Services	52,022.0
Vocational Supervisors	13,306.0
Other State Programs	
Food Services	38,878.0
Math and Science Supplements	5,843.8
Preschool Disability Services	13,888.5
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds	76,665.0
Teachers Retirement	25,010.9
Vocational Education	31,411.6
Office of the State Treasurer	
Public School Employees Retirement	52,414.0

13,629,496.37



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## LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

**AMOUNT** 

**AMOUNT** 

<u>PROJECT</u>	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3)	EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
SPLOST IV							
The repayment of a portion of previously incurred general							
obligation debt of the School District, a portion of the principal							
and interest on the Series 2007 Bonds and the Series 2008							
Bonds, and a portion of the costs of the following captial outlay							
projects not paid for with proceeds from said general obligation							
bonds (i) renovation and improvements to existing school							
buildings, including primary, elementary, middle and high							
schools, maintenance facilities and the central office, (ii)							
acquisition of school buses, transportation vehicles and							

\$ 11,000,000.00 \$ 12,659,254.03 \$ 1,326,292.45 \$ 11,332,961.58 \$

equipment, and maintenance vehicles, (iii) the acquisition of any property, both real and personal, and equipment necessary in connection with the above described capital outlay projects, including computers and system-wide

technology upgrades, athletic facilities and physical education

equipment, textbooks, furnishings, band instruments,

vocational equipment, and safety and security equipment.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

<sup>(1)</sup> The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.

<sup>(2)</sup> The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.

<sup>(3)</sup> The voters of Lamar County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debts.

Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.

#### SECTION II

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS

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Greg S. Griffin STATE AUDITOR (404) 656-2174

November 26, 2018

The Honorable Nathan Deal, Governor of Georgia
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia
Members of the State Board of Education
and
Superintendent and Members of the
Lamar County Board of Education

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lamar County Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 26, 2018.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin State Auditor Greg S. Griffin STATE AUDITOR (404) 656-2174

November 26, 2018

Atlanta, Georgia 30334-8400

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Lamar County Board of Education (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Ouestioned Costs*.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2017.

#### Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

#### SECTION III

AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITEE'S RESPONSE SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

#### PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported

## SECTION IV FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

## LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issue:

Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Debt Service Fund; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified?Significant deficiency identified?

No None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted:

No

#### Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

Material weakness identified?Significant deficiency identified?

No

None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:

All major programs

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in

accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

No

Identification of major programs:

**CFDA Numbers** 

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

10.553, 10.555, 10.559

**Child Nutrition Cluster** 

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$750,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

No

#### II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

#### III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.